

# ASRS PRESENTATIONS

## GENERAL

1. Presentations should be based on original research or case studies that have not been previously reported in a research publication.
2. All data must be labeled with proper measurements (metric or imperial).
3. Dedicated times for presentations will be listed in the program.
4. The presenting author(s) must be prepared during the listed time in the program.

## ORAL PRESENTATION PREPARATION

1. Prepare your presentation:
  - a. Microsoft PowerPoint is preferred (Adobe PDF is compatible and is sometimes necessary, based on the size of the presentation).
  - b. Presentation files must be compatible with Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 or later.
  - c. We recommend that you embed all fonts for accurate text rendering.
  - d. Presentation screens will have a 16:9 (widescreen) aspect ratio.
  - e. PowerPoint presenter view (note-viewing mode) will not be available.
2. **Upload your presentation to the [abstract system](#) by **June 4, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT:**
  - a. Be sure to use the same account login information that was created at the time of submission. *If you do not recall this information, please email [Kayla Potter](#).*
  - b. You will be able to make changes to your uploaded presentation until **5:00 p.m. on the day before your presentation.** (See Kayla Potter on-site at the registration desk to upload changes).
  - c. Do not send your presentation file via email or file-upload service (e.g., Dropbox).
  - d. No files will be accepted in the session room, and the use of a **personal laptop for a presentation will not be permitted.****
3. Prepare for a 20-minute talk, plus 10 minutes for a question-and-answer session.
4. Practice ahead of time so you are within time limits. The moderator may have to cut you short or limit the question-and-answer session if you go over.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. All posters must be mounted on the board by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning.
  - a. Posters must be removed at the conclusion of the Early Career Professional Social at the Wildcatter.
  - b. Posters not removed by this time will be discarded.
2. The top of your poster should include the abstract number, title, authors, and affiliations. The lettering for this section should be at least 1-inch high. **Presenters will be given push pins to mount their posters.**

3. **All presenters are required to bring their own poster to the meeting, mount the poster on the poster board, remove the poster, and take it with them when the ECP event concludes. The American Society of Reclamation Sciences is not responsible for your poster at any point during the conference.**

## Poster Presentation Preparation

1. The presenting author(s) must be available and at their poster during the poster session times listed in the program.
2. Please keep in mind that a poster is a hybrid of an oral presentation and a printed publication.
3. Your presentation should proceed logically, with headings indicating sections: Introduction, Objective(s), Materials and Methods, Results, Summary, and Conclusions. The Conclusions section should not merely be summary statements; it should provide the reader with your interpretation of what the results mean.
4. Use photographs, drawings, or flow charts to help your audience better visualize the materials and methods used. Graphs should have titles, axes should be labeled, and units should be quantified. Tables must include a title.
5. Have colleagues or peers review your poster and make suggestions. Ask questions before you produce the final copy of your poster.
6. **Proofread your poster before making the final copy!**

## Characteristics of a Good Poster

### 1. Text

- Short statements; bulleted paragraphs
- Concise lists

### 2. Color

- Text: Use a darker color on white or light-colored backgrounds
- Matting: Use darker or more subdued colors instead of brilliant colors
- Colors: Limit the number used to avoid busyness and distractions; simple use can add emphasis

### 3. Text size

- Bold, large, block style; mix uppercase and lowercase letters (i.e., sentence case)
- Title should be legible from 5 to 10 meters
- Text should be legible from 1.5 to 2 meters

### 4. Layout

- Arrange poster sections from top to bottom, starting on the left side
- Sufficient blank space is important
- Use spaces to unify or separate sections
- Avoid too many small sections, too many edges, and too many narrow spaces
- Poster must not be any larger than 3 × 4 feet

## 5. Illustrations

- Make graphs and tables as simple as possible; focus on the main ideas
- Color and size are important
- Photographs: matte finish is better than glossy; use photos only if they are clear and sufficiently large

## Suggestions from Authors in Poster Sessions

1. A short and legible Introduction section and a summary of the Conclusions section are helpful
2. Keep text and figure legends short, but do not omit them
3. Simple use of color can add emphasis effectively
4. Use large print, at least 3/8-inch high. Shade block letters when possible
5. Roll your poster materials and insert them in a large mailing tube for ease of transportation

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